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1. INDOCHINA

ALL PAPERS GIVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO PRES' MAR 6 TV

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NEWS CONFERENCE. NYT, SUN CARRY VERBATIM TEXT. PRES

MADE LATEST IN SERIES OF FAST ACTION PLEAS TO CONGRESS FOR EXTRA GKR/GVN MIL AID (AP, PHINQ). NEWS CONFERENCE DOMINATED BY DISCUSSION OF CAMBODIAN AID (MADDEN, NYT). FINNEY (NYT) REPORTS PRES MADE STATEMENT AMIDST GROWING INDICATIONS, CONVEYED BY HUMPHREY, THAT CONGRESS WILL NOT APPROVE ANY EXTRA GKR MIL AID. EVIDENT HE WAS NOT RELENTING IN PRESSURE ON CONGRESS, BUT SHIFTED EMPHASIS IN ARGUMENTS FROM WARNING GKR WOULD FALL WITHOUT AID TO NEED TO DEMONSTRATE RELIABILITY OF US AND ON INTERRELATIONSHIP OF MORE AID AND NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. SAYS PRES APPEARS UNDER MOUNTING PRESSURE, BOTH FROM CONGRESS AND AMEMBASSY PP, TO ACCEPT GKR NEGOTIATED SURRENDER. HUMPHREY REPORTEDLY ADVISED PRES ONLY FEASIBLE SOLUTION TO ARRANGE FOR LON NOL RESIGNATION; SIMILAR ADVICE SAID COMING FROM EMBASSY.

SUN'S TREWHITT SAYS PRES SEEMED TO ADOPT OUTLOOK THAT WITH AID, GKR HAS 50-50 CHANCE, BUT THIS MORE FAVORABLE THAN EVEN MANY SUPPORTERS OF OFFICIAL POLICY PROJECT. OVERWHELMING EMPHASIS IN CONFERENCE WAS ON CONTINUING BLOODSHED AND MIL DETERIORATION IN CAMBODIA. TREWHITT COMMENTS THAT PRES' WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT ANY POLITICAL SOLUTION REACHED BY COMBATANTS IS NEW PUBLIC POSITION. MOST OUTSIDE ANALYSTS GIVE PRES ONLY SMALL CHANCE OF GETTING ENTIRE 222 MILLION REQUESTED, THOUGH COMPROMISE MAY BE REACHED ON SMALLER FIGURE. VIEWS OF CONGRESS EXPECTED BECOME CLEARER DURING COMMITTEE SESSIONS TODAY.

WSJ'S FARNEY SEES PRES PUTTING PRESTIGE ON LINE FOR UNPOPULAR PROPOSAL OF MORE CAMBODIA AID. FORD SOMETIMES SOUNDED LIKE HIS 3 PREDECESSORS IN ARGUING ONLY ONE MORE INFUSION OF AID MAY TURN TRICK. HE SKILLFULLY COUCHED ARGUMENTS IN HUMANITARIAN TERMS, PLAYING DOWN ARMS AID. APPROACH SEEMED CAREFULLY ATTUNED TO VIEWS OF CODEL THAT VISITED CAMBODIA. PRES HINTED HE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO LON NOL STEPPING ASIDE. NYDN'S HEALY DISCUSSES IMPORTANT POINTS OF CONFERENCE, PAPER HEADLINING "FORD VOWS GI'S 'WON'T GO BACK'." WP FRONT-PAGES KILPATRICK ARTICLE SUMMARIZING KEY CONFERENCE TOPICS (EXCERPTED IN GLOBE).
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HABIB PRESSED ADMIN CASE FOR MORE GKR AID BEFORE HFASUBC MAR 6. HUMPHREY, SPARKMAN, CASE BROUGHT WH GLOOMY ASSESSMENT OF CHANCES FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL (FINNEY, NYT). (HABIB TESTIMONY IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). NYDN'S VAN RIPER REPORTS THAT IN SENATE SPEECH, MANSFIELD "BITTERLY DISPUTED" HABIB'S VIEW, ARGUED DENIAL OF EXTRA MIL AID MAY EXPEDITE NEGOTIATIONS

AMONG CAMBODIANS, BRING END TO KILLING. REPORTS GOVT OFFICIALS HAVE SAID PRIVATELY THAT EVEN WITH AID, PP ALL BUT CERTAIN TO COLLAPSE. NOTES DOD PREPARED EVACUATE AMCITS. QUOTES ABZUG BEFORE SFRSUBC THAT SIHANOUK AND KHMER ROUGE REFUSED NEGOTIATE WHEN UNDER HEAVY US BOMBING, SO "ABSURD" TO EXPECT THEY WILL NOW WHEN GKR SO MUCH WEAKER.

WP'S LYONS REVIEWS HABIB TESTIMONY, NOTES REP FRASER TOOK SHARP ISSUE WITH DOS POSITION IN HUMPHREY SUBCOMM MEETING, BUT SAID HE COULD SUPPORT AID IF ACCOMPANIED BY ADMIN PLEDGE IT IS SEEKING PEACEFUL END TO WAR. STATES MCCLOSKEY WENT TO INDOCHINA CONVINCED HE WOULD NEVER VOTE FOR MIL AID, BUT RETURNED PERSUADED PART OF REQUEST SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROTECT KHMERS FROM VIOLENCE, SINCE WAS TOLD INSURGENTS MURDERED PROFESSIONALS IN

CAPTURED VILLAGES. ADDS FRASER, MCCLOSKEY, HUMPHREY SHARE VIEW LON NOL MUST GO BEFORE SETTLEMENT CAN BE EXPECTED.

SCHANBERG (NYT) IN PP SAYS US EMBASSY BELIEVES BEST HOPE IS NEGOTIATED SURRENDER IN WHICH ONLY DISCUSSION WILL BE ABOUT DETAILS, HUMANENESS, AND ORDERLINESS OF COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER. ATTRIBUTES ACCOUNT TO PERSONS WITH ACCESS TO EMBASSY VIEWS. NOTES ASSESSMENT AT ODDS WITH ADMIN'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS. SEES GAP BETWEEN EMBASSY AND DOS PUBLIC STANCE WIDENING AS US OFFICIALS IN PP HAVE BECOME STEADILY DISILLUSIONED BY CONTINUING US INVOLVEMENT (EXCERPTED IN SUN).

KNIGHT NEWS' MCCARTNEY (GLOBE) SAYS US NOW PREPARED ACCEPT SIHANOUK AS HEAD OF NEW CAMBODIAN GOVT, UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCORDING WELL-POSTED WASHINGTON OFFICIALS. WILLINGNESS APPARENTLY DEVELOPED IN RECENT WEEKS UNDER THREAT OF GKR MIL COLLAPSE. SEES FIRST HINTS FLOATED IN DOS SUMMARY THAT SAID US TRIED TALK TO PRINCE LAST DEC AND JAN. MANSFIELD SAID MOVES REPRESENTED CHANGE OF POLICY. HABIB TOLD HOUSE SUBC THAT US FAVORED "CONTROLLED SOLUTION," ADMITTED HE CONSIDERED ASKING SIHANOUK TO TAKE OVER GOVT WOULD BE SUCH. STATES US POSITION NOT CLEAR ON WHETHER IT WOULD INSIST GKR ALSO HAVE MAJOR PART IN ARRANGING SETTLEMENT, THOUGH HABIB AND OTHERS HAVE RECENTLY SAID POSSIBLE LON NOL MIGHT BE WILLING STEP DOWN.

FANK ATTEMPTS PUSH BACK NEAR PP AIRPORT IN WHAT MIL OBSERVERS VIEW AS URGENT BID TO FORCE AWAY GUNS THAT

THREATEN CLOSE RUNWAY (UPI NYDN, CHITRIB; PHINQ). WP'S GREENWAY AT PP DESCRIBES GKR MULTI-BATTALION STRIKE TO OUST REBELS FROM AIRPORT AREA. SAYS MIL EXPERTS BELIEVE INSURGENTS CAN CLOSE POCHENTONG IF THEY CAN MOVE LINES COUPLE OF MILES CLOSER. EXPERTS EXPECT INSURGENT PUSH TO TRY TO CLOSE RUNWAY, BUT BELIEVE GKR CAN HOLD CITY AND AIRPORT FOR NEXT FEW MONTHS. GREENWAY FINDS "MORE SHORT-TERM OPTIMISM HERE THAN APPARENTLY IS THE CASE IN WASHINGTON," THOUGH LONG-TERM PROGNOSIS IS "FAR GLOOMIER" SINCE NOTHING US NOR GKR HAS DONE SHOWED INSURGENTS THAT THEY CANNOT EVENTUALLY WIN WAR.

NYT SPECIAL FROM PP REPORTS HEAVY SHELLING OF POCHENTONG, BUT NOTES AIRLIFT GOES ON THOUGH NUMBER OF FLIGHTS DOWN. CHITRIB'S YATES FROM PP CHARACTERIZES AIRLIFT AS "PLAYING POKER WITH DEATH," QUOTES PILOT THAT SECRET

IS GETTING DOWN FAST. AP FROM PP (SUN) ALSO NOTES RESUMPTION OF AIRLIFT DESPITE HEAVY INSURGENT SHELLING OF AIRPORT. GLOBE QUOTES PENTAGON THAT REBELS CAN CLOSE AIRPORT WITH CAPTURED US GUNS IF THEY CAN GET CLOSER.

NYT'S ANDELMAN IN PP QUOTES TWO FANK COLS THAT NEW REINFORCEMENTS ARE MOSTLY INEXPERIENCED DESK SOLDIERS, UNCLASSIFIED

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INVALIDS AND TECHNICIANS, AND STATE THIS IS MAJOR REASON FOR RECENT INSURGENT GAINS. NOTES MORALE IN SOME UNITS "PLUMMETING" WITH HARDSHIP AND MIL REVERSES.

GKR LOST LAST POSITION OF NEAK LUONG, BUT EVACUATED ABOUT 1000 TROOPS. NEAK LUONG CONTINUES UNDER INCREASING ENEMY PRESSURE. MAIN THREATS TO PP COME FROM NW, W AND SW (GREENWAY, WP). INSURGENTS HAVE PUNCHED HOLES IN GKR LINES TO W AND NW IN RECENT WEEKS BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FOLLOW-UP BREAKTHROUGHS. THIS LEADS EXPERTS TO CONCLUDE REBELS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH AMMO, SUPPLIES AND HEAVY CASUALTIES (PHINQ). 2000 FANK TROOPS MET STIFF RESISTANCE IN ATTEMPT PUSH REBELS OUT OF "ROCKET BELT" 5 MI NW OF PP (AP, SUN). PP STILL NOT THREATENED WITH GROUND ATTACK THOUGH UNDER FIRE. MOST OPTIMISTIC OBSERVERS CAN'T SEE MUCH HOPE IN LONG RUN FOR FANK, WITH EVEN SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ SAYING CANNOT WIN (NYT SPECIAL).

IN MIDST OF SIEGE, UNFLAPPABLE BRITISH PAINT THEIR EMBASSY IN PP (FENTON, WP).

TASS QUOTES NVN MFA THAT SVN "STORM TROOPER" DETACHMENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED TO HELP US MARINES IF US CITIZENS HAVE TO BE EVACUATED FROM PP. SAYS HANOI CONSIDERED ACTIONS AIMED AT DIRECT INTERFERENCE IN CAMBODIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ARE SERIOUS C-F VIOLATION. NVN MFA ALSO CHARGED US RECON PLANES VIOLATED DRV AIRSPACE TO SPY ON "MANY AREAS" AND DEMANDED IMMEDIATE HALT TO ALL US RECON OVER NVN (AP, SUN).

WP'S GETLER NOTES US INTELL AGENCIES ESTIMATE NVN RECEIVED RECORD INCREASE IN ECON AND MIL AID FROM OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN 1974 (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

2. JAPAN

MOFA SAYS IT WILL OPEN EMBASSY IN HANOI APRIL 1; DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ESTABLISHED 1973 (WP).

NYT NOTES 2-DAY VISIT ATLANTA BY 25 JAPANESE EXECS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROMOTING TRADE, INVESTMENT. GROUP LEADER, SUMITOMO'S HASEGAWA, SAYS US, WEUR, JAPAN FACE EVENTUAL "RESTRUCTURING OF WORLD ECONOMY" TO CREATE FRAMEWORK IN WHICH THEIR "DEMOCRATIC, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC VALUES ARE SECURE."

WSJ CITES JAPAN ATOMIC POWER CO, THAT GE-BUILT 357,000 KW POWER REACTOR IN TSURUGA HAS TINY CRACK IN EMERGENCY CORE COOLING SYSTEM; MITI ORDERED FIRM CHECK SIX BW REACTORS AFTER LEARNING CRACKS FOUND IN SIMILAR REACTOR IN US.

NISSHO-IWAI SAYS 16-FIRMS TO FORM JOINT COMPANY "SHORTLY" TO IMPORT LNG FROM IRAN ON LONG-TERM BASIS; NEW FIRM -- KALINGAS CO -- CAPITALIZED AT 5.3 MILLION DOLS, WILL DEVELOP GAS FIELD IN SOUTHERN IRAN, IMPORT AT LEAST 2.5 MILLION TONS LNG YEARLY AFTER 1985 (REUTER, NYT).

UPI (CHICAGO) CITES SPOKESMAN THAT PLAYBOY AGREES PUBLISH JAPANESE EDITION, WITH SHUEISHA PUBLISHING CO, STARTING MAY (S-N 3/6).

REUTER (TOKYO) CITES NIPPON STEEL CORP REPORT FIRM KEPT POSITION WORLD'S LEADING STEEL MAKER LAST YEAR, DESPITE 6.3 PERCENT DECLINE TO 38.4 MILLION METRIC TONS (NYT).

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO REPORTS ENVIRONMENT AGENCY MORE CONCERNED ABOUT HEAVY METAL EXHAUST FROM CATALYTIC

CONVERTERS THAN SULFURIC ACID, WHICH LOW BECAUSE LOW-SULFUR GAS USED JAPAN.

JOC TOKYO CITES JAPAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SURVEY THAT SHOWS CORPORATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT MAY DECLINE IN REAL TERMS SECOND FY IN ROW.

EMPRESS NAGAKO CELEBRATED 72D BIRTHDAY THURSDAY; FIRST TO REACH THAT AGE ON THRONE (NYT).

TAIZO ISHIZAKA, CHAIRMAN EXPO 70, DIES THURSDAY OF CEREBRAL THROMBOSIS, AGE 88; LEADING INDUSTRIALIST SERVED AS PRES UNCLASSIFIED

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KEIDANREN 1956-68, NATIONS MOST IMPORTANT BUSINESS GROUP (NYT).

3. CHINA

NESSEN DETAILS ALBERT/RHODES PRC TRIP. SAYS VISIT (MAR 26-APR 9) AT PEKING'S INVITATION AND WITH ADMIN

PICKING UP TRAVEL BILLS. HAK ARRANGED VISIT, AND HOST WILL BE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH WILL PAY LAWMAKERS' EXPENSE WHILE IN CHINA (UPI, NYDN).

4. KOREA

WSJ NOTES EXIM BANK TENTATIVE APPROVAL 79 MILLION DOL LOAN TO SK, TO BUY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNDER NEW PROCEDURE REQUIRING 25-DAY NOTICE OF MAJOR LOANS TO CONGRESS.

5. PHILIPPINES

GOP ISSUES FIRST SITREP ON MOSLEM REBELLION SINCE BEGAN MINDANAO TWO YEARS AGO; SAYS GOP FORCES TOOK THREE MAJOR REBEL BASES IN RECENT HEAVY FIGHTING, WITH LIGHT CASUALTIES, MODERATE TO HEAVY REBEL LOSSES (WP).

IMELDA MARCOS FLEW TO CAIRO THURSDAY TO ASK SADAT, OTHER ARAB LEADERS, HELP RESOLVE MOSLEM REBELLION PEACEFULLY; WILL ALSO SPEAK AT ALEXANDRIA AFRO-ASIAN CONFERENCE (NYT).

6. HONG KONG

POLICE SEIZED 56LBS MARIJUANA THURSDAY, IN TWO UNCLAIMED SUITCASES AT KAITAK AIRPORT (AFP, WP).

JOC (HK) SAYS BANKS CUT INTEREST RATES THURSDAY TO 6.5 PERCENT ON LOANS, 2.5 PERCENT ON SAVINGS, IN STRONG EFFORT TO BOOST SAGGING ECONOMY, SLASH OVERLY-STONG HK DOLLAR.

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7. MALAYSIA

JOC (KL) NOTES GOM DISCLOSURE IT PROFITTED FROM THREE-MONTH INTERVENTION IN MARKET TO BOOST RUBBER PRICES; TREASURY EXPECTS MORE TAXES FROM HIGHER PRICES, VALUE OF GOVT-HELD RUBBER UP.

8. AUSTRALIA

JOC'S STOWE IN SYDNEY SAYS AUSSIES ANXIOUSLY AWAIT US DECISION ON BEEF IMPORTS, CRITICIZE US FOR ASKING VRS AT SAME TIME APPLY QUOTAS. OVERALL BEEF EXPORTS DROPPED 70 PERCENT LAST YEAR, AND AUSSIES RECENTLY SOLD 40,000 TONS TO SOVIET AT HALF-COST, RATHER THAN SHOOT CATTLE.

9. THAILAND

FIRST CIVILIAN GOVT SINCE WWII LOST CONFIDENCE VOTE THURSDAY, EIGHT DAYS AFTER FORMED, PLUNGING THAILAND INTO RENEWED LEADERSHIP CRISIS. SENI QUOTED RELIEVED AT HAVING DONE BEST, BUT "WILL NOT TRY ANY MORE." MILITARY ELEMENTS MAY TRY FORM COALITION, OR POPULAR YOUNGER BROTHER KUKRIT PRAMOJ MAY TRY FORM CENTRIST ALLIANCE (CSM, PHINQ). EIGHT-DAY REGIME SHORTEST IN THAI HISTORY; VOTED DOWN AFTER 13-HOUR ASSEMBLY POLICY DEBATE (SUN).

VOTE TURNED IN PART ON SENI PLEDGE ASK US WITHDRAW TROOPS. LARGEST OPPOSITION PARTY (SOCIAL JUSTICE) ASKED WITHDRAWAL IN SIX MONTHS, BUT SENI CITED NEED FIND JOBS FOR 25,000 THAIS WHO WORK AT US BASES. LEFTIST LEADER CALLED ON US TO LEAVE "IMMEDIATELY" NOW THAT ROLE IN VN WAR OVER (UPI, NYDN).

MILITARY-BACKED PARTIES LED DRIVE AGAINST SENI, WHO FAILED GET SUPPORT OF LEFT-WING WHICH CHARGED HIS PARTY CAPITALISTS, NOT TO BE TRUSTED. SPEAKER EXPECTED CONFER WITH LEADERS OF OTHER PARTIES, BEFORE ASKING ONE TRY FORM NEW COALITION, WITH KUKRIT OR MILITARY-BACKED PARTY LEADER SEEN LIKELY CHOICE (NYT).

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WP'S MARDER SAYS PRECARIOUS POSITION OF LON NOL REGIME, PLUS BAN ON US COMBAT FORCES' USE IN INDOCHINA, CONFOUNDS THAI FOREIGN POLICY, WHICH SEEKS SHED "STRONGLY PRO-AMERICAN POSTURE" AND REGAIN BALANCE BETWEEN ASIA COMMUNIST, ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCES. OBSERVES FUTURE OF US FORCES NO CLEARER AFTER FALL OF SENI, BUT CITES US SOURCES THAT MILITARY-BACKED PARTIES MAY GET NEXT TURN TO FORM COALITION. SAYS KUKRIT CONSIDERED LIKELY TRY -- WITH MILITARY-BACKED PARTIES. ADDS KUKRIT REPORTED BACKING BROTHER'S TIMETABLE FOR US TROOP WITHDRAWALS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDOCHINA

JAMES WIEGHART IN NYDN SAYS PRES FORD'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AID TO CAMB WOULD BE FUNNY IF NOT SO PATHETIC. LON NOL AND US INCURSION DRAGGED CAMB INTO CONFLICT. SUMMARIZES NEGOTIATING EFFORTS. ADMIN VIEWS HARK BACK TO FALL OF CHINA AND ARGUMENTS ABOUT VN IN 60'S.

BOB WIEDRICH IN CHITRIB SAYS HE HEARS NO OUTCRY FROM US PEACE ACTIVISTS OVER DEATHS OF CAMBODIAN CIVILIANS. NOTES EFFECTS OF ON-THE-SPOT-VISIT UPON CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.

LATIMES (3/6) CALLS FOR AN APPALLING OPTION -- PROVIDE HALF THE AMOUNT OF MILITARY AID REQUESTED FOR CAMBODIA WITH PROVISIO THAT NO FUTURE MIL AID WILL BE FORTHCOMING. ADDITIONAL FOOD AND HUMANITARIAN AID TO CONTINUE. ADDED MIL AID TO SVN "WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION" SINCE STOCKPILES HIGH. CALLS FOR REDUCTIONS IN FUTURE MIL AID TO SVN TO ENCOURAGE CONCESSIONS BY THIEU.

REVIEWING MARCH 5 HABIB NEWS CONFERENCE, WSTAR'S BRADSHER CONCLUDES THAT WITH GKR'S FALL APPEARING POSSIBLE BEFORE ANY EXTRA US MILITARY AID COULD BE DELIVERED, "BLAME IS BEING SHIFTED BACK TWO YEARS" BY ADMIN CLAIMING AUGUST 1973 BOMBING HALT, FORCED BY CONGRESS, CUT OFF

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PROMISING EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE CAMBODIA SETTLEMENT. NOTES CAPITOL HILL REACTION WAS THAT NIXON ADMIN HAD NOT TOLD CONGRESS THEN OF ANY SIGNIFICANT PROMISE FOR

PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. CITES HABIB'S "VAGUE OUTLINE OF NEGOTIATING EFFORTS" AND NOTES HE "DELIBERATELY LEFT UNCLEAR" IDENTITY OF LON NOL OPPONENTS WHO HE CLAIMS REBUFFED INTENSIFIED SOUNDING FOR AGREEMENT BEGINNING LAST OCTOBER (MAR 6).

GKR EMBASSY'S PRESS/INFO ATTACHE WRITES WSTAR (MAR 6) DEPLORING PAPER'S RECENT SUGGESTION CAMBODIA "MAKE THE BEST TERMS IT CAN WITH THE COMMUNISTS." INSISTS THIS COURSE VIRTUALLY ASSURES BRUTAL COMMUNIST TAKEOVER; IMPLORES THAT AMERICANS NOT PLACE SELVES ABOVE FRAY BECAUSE WEARY FROM BURDENS AS FREE WORLD LEADERS. WSTAR REPLIES IT STILL HOLDS VIEW CAMBODIANS SHOULD BE GIVEN MEANS TO DEFEND SELVES.

CSM'S HEY WRITES THAT ON BASIS OF NEW CONGRESSIONAL SOUNDINGS, ADDITIONAL FOOD AID TO CAMBODIA WILL ALMOST SURELY WIN OK BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL EASTER RECESS, AT PROBABLY FULL 73 MILLION DOLS ADMIN SEEKS; BUT CHANCES OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL "VERY DIM" FOR ADDITIONAL MIL AID TO CAMBODIA; POSSIBILITY REMAINS OF COMPROMISE BILL PROVIDING SVN SOME MIL AID IN EXCHANGE FOR DEFINITE ENDING DATE OF ALL TYPES AID TO SAIGON.

PHINQ'S HOPPE COMPLAINS PRES DID NOT SAY IF WE SENT LON NOL MORE AMMO HE WILL WIN AND THUS END WAR; "WE ARE TO SEND HIM MORE AMMUNITION SOLELY TO

KEEP THE WAR GOING. WE ARE TO SEND MORE AMMUNITION SO THAT THE COLONELS, THE SOLDIERS AND THE CIVILIANS CAN GO ON DYING. IF WE DON'T THE INSURGENTS WILL QUICKLY WIN AND THUS END THE WAR."

GLOBE FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW EXTRA US MIL AID COULD HELP BELEAGURED CAMBODIANS AT ALL; WOULD PROBABLY MEAN MORE MISERY BY PROLONGING, EVEN HEIGHTENING, WAR WHICH APPEARS ALL BUT LOST. WARNS UNCLASSIFIED

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AGAINST MILITARY INCURSION BY U.S. HUMANITARIAN AID JUSTIFIED.

CROCKER SNOW IN GLOBE DISCUSSES CONGRESSIONAL VISIT TO VN AND POINTS TO VARIED REACTIONS. CONCLUDES THAT "...IT IS FAR EASIER TO SAY WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN VN THAN TO SEE WHAT YET MAY BE".

DUDMAN IN STLDPD SAYS FORD CAN'T LET GO OF CAMB, A VIEW HE ATTRIBUTES TO A US SENATOR. DISCUSSES HISTORY

OF US INVOLVEMENT IN SEASIA AND SAYS WE ARE NOW IN
THIRD YEAR OF INTERVAL. ;OW LONG MUST IT LAST TO
BE DECENT?

WP'S ROSENFELD FINDS HARRIS POLL COMMISSIONED BY
CHICAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS DEMONSTRATING
AMERICANS ARE CONFUSED. T;EY WANT CONTINUED
INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT, BUT REDUCED RISKS, COSTS
AND CARES; THEY HOPE US WILL KEEP WORLD PEACE, BUT
THEIR TASTE FOR HELPING FRIENDS UNDER ATTACK DIMINISHES
AS PROSPECT OF QUICK SUCCESS FALLS. VN LESSON THEY
DRAW IS TO SEND NOT TROOPS BUT ARMS TO EMBATTLED
ALLIES; THEY ALSO WOULD REDUCE MILITARY AID. OBSERVES
THAT NOT JUST THIS LATEST SURVEY BUT TOUGH, TIGHT
BATTLES IN CONGRESS ON SYMBOLIC ISSUES LIKE AID TO
VN AND TURKEY INDICATE HOW MUCH DIFFICULTY AMERICANS
HAVING FORMING FOREIGN POLICY REPRESENTING REASONABLY
UNCLUTTERED PUBLIC JUDGMENT.

11. INDONESIA

CSM DEPLORES SUHARTO REGIME UNDERCUTTING ITS RECORD
OF ACHIEVEMENT BY STIFLING PRESS. CLOSING NUMBER
OF PAPERS LAST YEAR AND MOCHTAR LUBIS ARREST LAST
MONTH DAMAGE SUHARTO AT HOME AND ABROAD TO DEGREE
HE PERMITS REVERSAL OF PRESS FREEDOM PROMISED EARLY
IN REGIME, WHEN NEWSPAPERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF RELEASE
FROM "SUKARNO YOKE" TO EXPOSE HIGH-LEVEL CORRUPTION
AND MALADMINISTRATION. VIEWS ARREST OF LUBIS AS
"SOLEMN SYMBOL" OF INDONESIA'S "REGRESSION." INGERSOLL

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